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BACK TO PEGASUS

Three months after Atlantis arrived on Earth, Colonel Sheppard and his team discovered the Gate Hub, a complex space station with five different gates, one of which took Sheppard, Rodney McKay, and Daniel Jackson to a secret base on Earth's moon. There they unknowingly revived the Ancient scientist Janus, who had been in stasis. On the Atlantis alpha site, the aliens Sheppard and his team had encountered from another dimension on board an alternate reality version of the *Daedalus* attacked and overran the base. On Earth, Janus proved to be an clever and dangerous foe. Even after being captured, he rigged Atlantis's ZPM array to overload, threatening Earth with an extinction level event if it were to go critical and explode. To save Earth, Mr. Woosley ordered Atlantis into space.

GATEWAYS

After circumventing the power overload Janus had created, Atlantis survived and eventually returned to its most recent home in the Pegasus galaxy. Cut off from direct gate travel to and from Earth, they work quickly to restore order. The mysterious aliens, though, "rescue" Janus, who is our dimension's analog to their creator. Newly freed, empowered, and rendered unstable by his long time in stasis, Janus wages a protracted campaign against Atlantis and its interests. The ability to gate directly to Earth has just been restored…

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ATLANTIS, THIS IS STARGATE COMMAND. THE IRIS IS OPEN. WE'RE READY TO RECEIVE PERSONNEL.
STARGATE COMMAND, THIS IS ATLANTIS. ACKNOWLEDGED.
BE ADVISED, CHUCK, OUR OPERATIONS CONTROLLER, WILL BE COMING THROUGH TO COORDINATE THE RETURN OF ATLANTIS PERSONNEL LEFT BEHIND AFTER OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTURE.
UNDERSTOOD, ATLANTIS. PROCEED AT YOUR DISCRETION.

UM, WHERE ARE CHUCK AND WALTER?
YOU'RE THE FIRST ONES TO COME THROUGH, DOCTOR JACKSON.

THEN WHERE THE HELL *ARE THEY*?

ATLANTIS, WE HAVE A PROBLEM.

WALTER AND CHUCK DIDN'T MAKE IT THROUGH TO EARTH. WE'RE RUNNING DIAGNOSTICS ON THIS END. CAN YOU --

ALREADY ON IT.

THEIR PATTERNS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN *DROPPED* IN TRANSMISSION WHICH SHOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE BUT NOW --

NOW, THERE'S NO RECORD OF THE REINTEGRATION ROUTINE IN THE EARTH STARGATE BEING TRIGGERED AND NO INDICATION OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THEIR PATTERNS.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, DOCTOR MCKAY?

I'M SAYING THERE'S NOTHING TO FIND, RICHARD. *THEY'RE GONE!*

OH, BOY.

INCOMING WORMHOLE. RECEIVING IDC.

IT'S COLONEL SHEPPARD.

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WAS THERE A PROBLEM WITH THE NAQUADAH GENERATOR?

NO, IT'S WORKING FINE. THEY SAID THEY DIDN'T WANT IT.
THEY ACTUALLY SAID THEY DIDN'T NEED IT, NOT THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT IT.
THERE ISN'T A HUMAN SETTLEMENT OUT THERE THAT COULDN'T USE A STEADY SOURCE OF POWER, ESPECIALLY AFTER THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF REPEATED CULLING BY THE WRAITH.

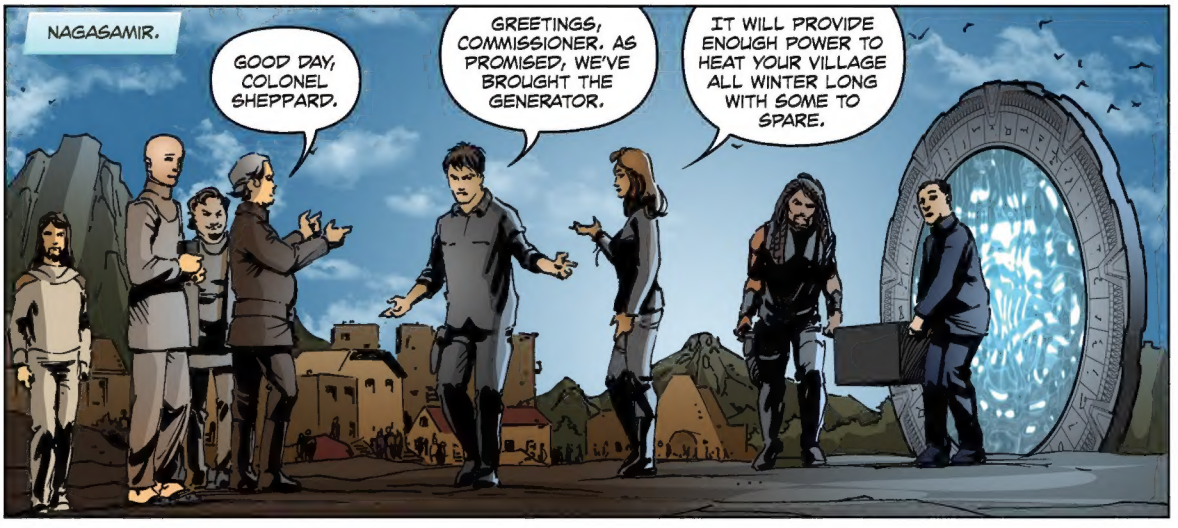
AGREED. THEIR POSITION IS QUITE HARD TO FATHOM.
IT'S ALSO DEPRESSING.
I HAVEN'T BEEN TURNED DOWN *THIS MUCH* SINCE GRAD SCHOOL. THERE WAS THIS GIRL --

I'LL BET IT WAS MORE RECENTLY THAN THAT.

MOMENTS LATER...
THIS IS GETTING SERIOUS.
THIS IS THE FOURTH DEAL WE'VE HAD GO SOUTH IN AS MANY WEEKS.
DID THEY SAY WITH WHOM THEY WERE TRADING?
NO, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK.
BUT WHAT WOULD JANUS ACHIEVE BY SUPPLYING OUR ALLIES?
HE MARGINALIZES US. FOR M8G-753, IT WAS POWER GENERATION. FOR THE KUHORIANS, IT WAS ANCIENT SHIELD TECHNOLOGY.
AM I ALONE IN WONDERING WHY THIS IS EVEN A PROBLEM? WHEN DID WE BECOME THE HOME DEPOT OF THE PEGASUS GALAXY?
WHAT CAN A BUNCH OF THATCH-ROOFED, CLAY-HOUSE MEDIEVAL TYPES DO FOR US ANYWAY?
NO OFFENSE, TEYLA.
WE NEED TO ESTABLISH SOLID DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IF WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION.
I BARELY REMEMBER WHAT THAT IS.
EITHER WAY, I'M A SCIENTIST. I DON'T DO POLITICS.
YOU'RE HUMAN. WE ALL DO POLITICS.

THIRTY-ONE QUAKES IN FOUR WEEKS.
QUAKES
AND THEY'RE GETTING CLOSER TOGETHER, TOO.
QUAKES
DINNER'S READY, WILSON.

I THOUGHT WE WERE CALLING HIM TEAL'C.
ANYWAY, YOU KNOW, THIS IS STILL A PRETTY BIG *DISCOVERY*. THERE WAS THIS GUY AT THE SGC, DR. FELGER --
MAN, HE'S GOING TO BE SO *JEALOUS*.
YOU SEEM PRETTY CASUAL ABOUT ALL THIS. WHAT GOOD IS A DISCOVERY *NO ONE* WILL EVER HEAR ABOUT?
IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED BY NOW, THERE'S *NO DHD*. EVEN IF WE --
GGGGRRRRRR...
GGGGRRRRRR
GGRRRRRRRR
GRRRRAAARR
GENERAL O'NEILL ALWAYS SAID THERE WAS ONE RULE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BIG WHEEL - *KILL* OR *BE KILLED*.
THAT'S THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE, DUDE.
WHATEVER. JUST GET READY.


NAGASAMIR.
GOOD DAY, COLONEL SHEPPARD.
GREETINGS, COMMISSIONER. AS PROMISED, WE'VE BROUGHT THE GENERATOR.
IT WILL PROVIDE ENOUGH POWER TO HEAT YOUR VILLAGE ALL WINTER LONG WITH SOME TO SPARE.

YOUR GIFT IS OVERWHELMING, MY FRIENDS, TRULY. AND WE'RE STILL HAPPY TO FULFILL OUR END OF THE AGREEMENT.
IT'S JUST THAT, UM--

WHAT IS IT?

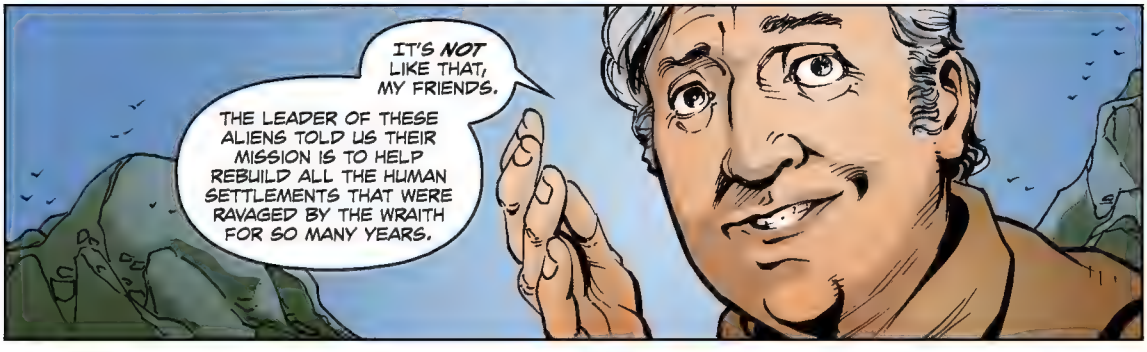
WE DON'T NEED *YOUR* HELP ANYMORE.
EXCUSE ME?
WHY NOT?

WE'VE HAD A *BETTER OFFER.*
PLEASE, WALK WITH ME INTO TOWN.

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH HELP AND --

-- AND IT COMES WITH NONE OF THE *STRINGS* WE'VE COME TO EXPECT FROM YOUR PEOPLE.

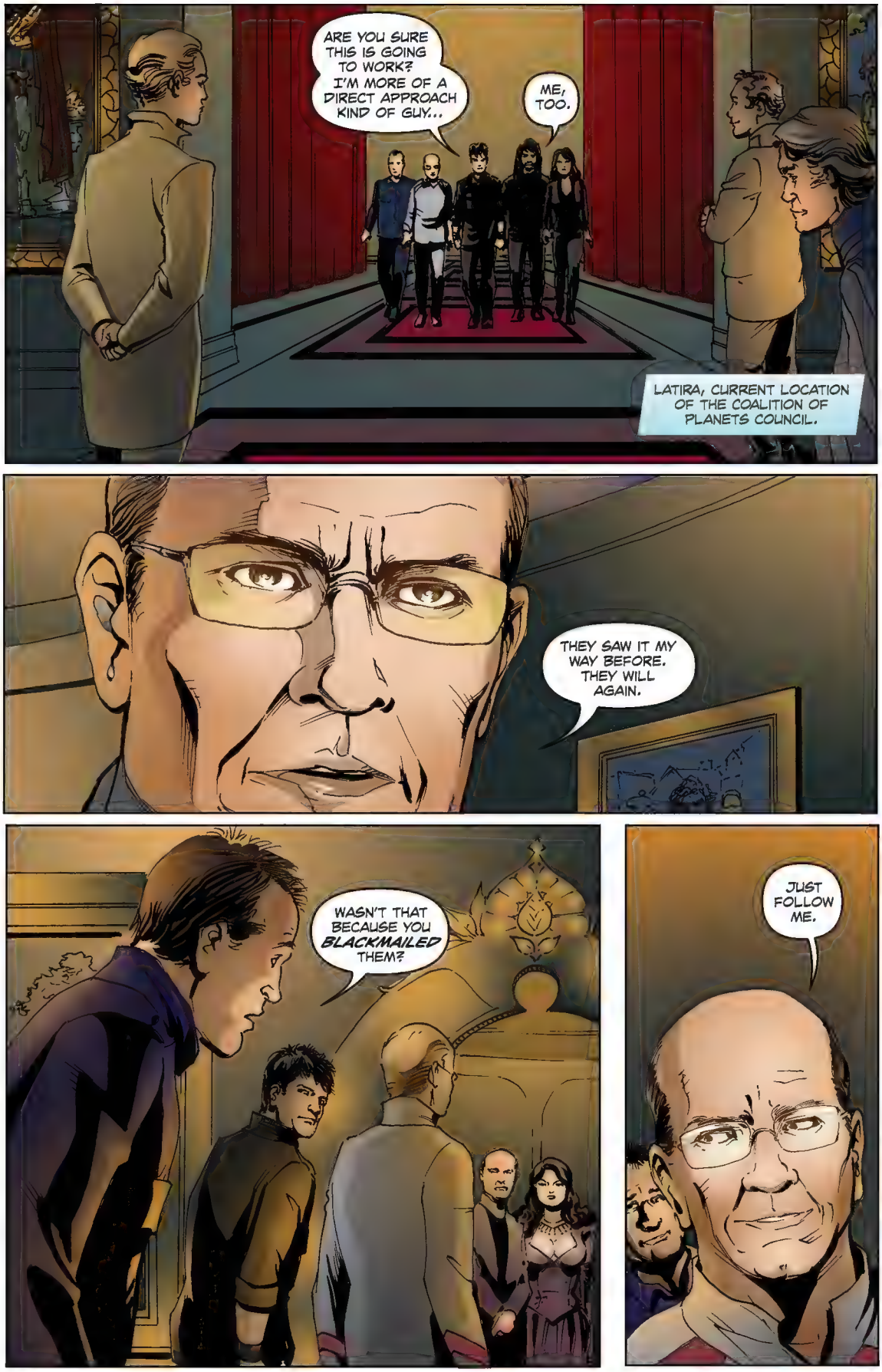
I SUPPOSE IT CAME WITH NO *EXPLANATION*, TOO, RIGHT?


IT'S *NOT* LIKE THAT, MY FRIENDS.
THE LEADER OF THESE ALIENS TOLD US THEIR MISSION IS TO HELP REBUILD ALL THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS THAT WERE RAVAGED BY THE WRAITH FOR SO MANY YEARS.

AND THEY DON'T WANT ANYTHING IN RETURN FOR THIS GENEROSITY?
JUST TO HELP US SECURE OURSELVES AGAINST THE WRAITH...
AND THAT DOESN'T AT LEAST PEAK YOUR CURIOSITY?
ANYTHING, RODNEY?
PLENTY.
BESIDES THE FACT THAT THESE STREETLIGHTS ARE AT LEAST LANTEAN LEVEL TECH,
ACCORDING TO MY READINGS THERE'S A POWER SOURCE OPERATING NEAR HERE THAT'S AT LEAST TEN TIMES AS POWERFUL AS A ZED-PM.
SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF POWER GOING TO WASTE.
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GOING TO WASTE BUT IT'S MORE THAN THIS SOCIETY COULD USE IN A CENTURY AT THEIR CURRENT RATE OF CONSUMPTION.
WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE PERSON WHO GAVE YOU ALL OF THIS?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET HIM?
HERE HE COMES NOW...

STOP, COLONEL! THIS IS --
I KNOW WHO IT IS, YOU CAN'T TRUST --
BASED ON WHAT? YOUR WORD?
THE PEOPLE OF ATLANTIS HAVE NEVER LIED TO US...
THEY'VE ALSO NEVER GIVEN THEIR TECHNOLOGY FREELY.
COLONEL SHEPPARD, YOU'VE DRAWN A WEAPON ON ANOTHER OF OUR GUESTS.
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE OR SURRENDER TO OUR CONSTABLE.

THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.
FINE, WE'LL LEAVE.
BUT I'M SERIOUS, WATCH YOUR BACKS WITH THIS GUY.
PLEASANT JOURNEY TO YOU, TOO, COLONEL SHEPPARD.
MOMENTS LATER...
ATLANTIS, THIS IS SHEPPARD. GET ME WOOLSEY.
WE'VE GOT ANOTHER PROBLEM.


ARE YOU SURE THIS IS GOING TO WORK? I'M MORE OF A DIRECT APPROACH KIND OF GUY...
ME, TOO.
LATIRA, CURRENT LOCATION OF THE COALITION OF PLANETS COUNCIL.
THEY SAW IT MY WAY BEFORE. THEY WILL AGAIN.
WASN'T THAT BECAUSE YOU BLACKMAILED THEM?
JUST FOLLOW ME.

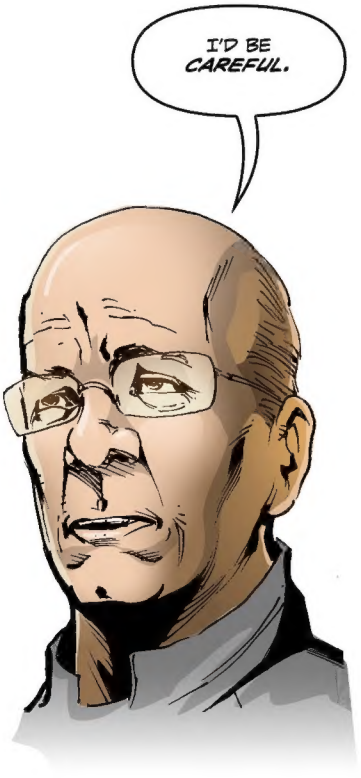
MOMENTS LATER, INSIDE COP COUNCIL CHAMBER...
WE UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, MISTER WOOLSEY, BUT WHAT HAS THIS JANUS ACTUALLY *DONE* TO YOU OR ATLANTIS?
WELL, DIMAS, I --

FROM YOUR *OWN* ACCOUNT, IT WOULD SEEM ALL HE DID WAS TRESPASS --
-- AND ALMOST *BLOW UP* OUR CITY, MINISTER DIMAS.

YOUR CITY? IF HE IS LANTEAN, HE WOULD SEEM TO HAVE MORE A RIGHT TO IT THAN YOU DO, COLONEL.
FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, HUMANS IN THIS GALAXY MAY FINALLY BE ON THE PATH TOWARD A PEACEFUL EXISTENCE AND THE CHANCE TO REACH OUR FULL POTENTIAL.

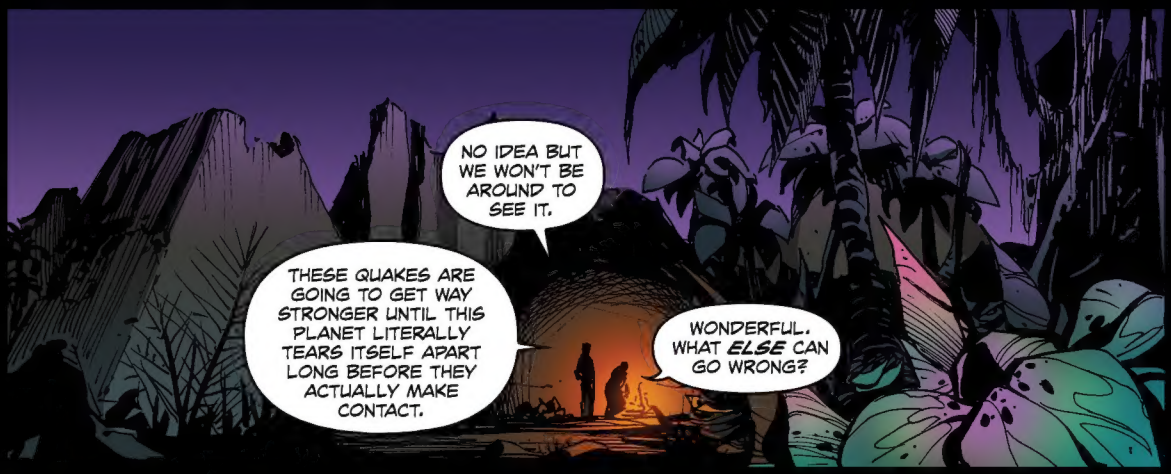
WE AGREE AND, OF COURSE, WANT TO HELP WHERE WE --

WE'VE SEEN WHAT YOUR HELP CONSISTS OF, WOOLSEY. IT HASN'T ESCAPED OUR NOTICE THAT YOU RESERVE ATLANTIS' TECHNOLOGICAL WONDERS JUST FOR YOURSELF.
NOW JANUS IS OFFERING US THE CHANCE TO MAKE UP FOR GENERATIONS OF PROGRESS STOLEN BY THE WRAITH. WHAT WOULD YOU DO IN OUR PLACE?


I'D BE CAREFUL.

LET'S HOPE WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT AGAIN SOON.
YEAH, BUT NOW WE HAVE DINNER.
RUMBLE!!!
I KNEW IT!
THE QUAKES ARE GETTING CLOSER TOGETHER.
QUAKES

THEY'RE GETTING *STRONGER*, TOO, BY THE FEEL OF THEM.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
SEE ANYTHING GOING ON *HERE*?
YEAH, AND IT AIN'T GOOD --
TURNS OUT GENERAL O'NEILL WAS BIG INTO ASTRONOMY. IT'S SOMETHING WE HAD IN COMMON.
ALSO, YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO, THERE'S ONLY SO MANY TIMES YOU CAN WATCH PEOPLE GO THROUGH THE GATE AND NOT IMAGINE WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE.
SITTING AT HOME IN MY BACKYARD, AND KNOWING HOW MANY TIMES EARTH CAME CLOSE TO GETTING ITS TICKET PUNCHED, I WOULD LOOK UP AND WONDER IF I COULD SEE SOMETHING GOING ON.
THAT MOON IS CLOSER... *A LOT CLOSER* THAN WHEN WE GOT HERE. IF I HAD TO GUESS, THAT'S CAUSING THE QUAKES AND IT'S EVENTUALLY GOING TO COLLIDE WITH US.
HOW LONG WILL THAT TAKE?


NO IDEA BUT WE WON'T BE AROUND TO SEE IT.
THESE QUAKES ARE GOING TO GET WAY STRONGER UNTIL THIS PLANET LITERALLY TEARS ITSELF APART LONG BEFORE THEY ACTUALLY MAKE CONTACT.
WONDERFUL. WHAT *ELSE* CAN GO WRONG?

GRRRICKICKICK
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OKAY, DON'T ANSWER THAT.
TO BE CONTINUED...